

Dear FCC,

Please keep in place the regulatory review of large phone company broadband pricing to independent ISPs.

I am a long-time user of the services of an independent ISP, as a DSL customer. I'm a big fan of my ISP. They offer and deliver:

- reliable service
- great technical support and knowledge
- local service and local employees
- individual attention, friendliness
- technical innovation

If these regulatory reviews are removed, it is going to have a huge effect on the independent ISPs. They will be at the mercy of the big phone companies, and may have to drastically increase the price of DSL or they may not even be able to offer it. As a consumer, I will be left with fewer choices. There will be less competition in the marketplace. From my perspective, as a consumer, this proposal to remove the regulatory review will only hurt me.

My ISP, which rightly alerted me to this issue, wrote about BellSouth:

"BellSouth's claim is that because their own affiliated ISP service (which is similar to SBC/Yahoo here in California) already controls a huge majority of the market, so squashing the rest of the competition isn't likely to impact the market much. "

If you really look at this argument, you'll see it has no logic. If BellSouth's ISP service already controls a huge majority, why are they worried about the impacting the small ISP competition? The only motivation I can see it greed.

Please consider the needs of the consumer and the benefits of a thriving, competitive marketplace, and keep the regulatory reviews in place.

Thanks,
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